

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The Examiner asserts that the subject application includes claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention, including:

Species 1 - coupling sound waves generated by the first sound-generating means into a surface when said device is placed upon said surface - Claims 1, 4-8 and 10;

Species 2 - coupling sound waves generated by the first sound-generating means into an outer envelope of the first part - Claim 2; and

Species 3 - coupling sound waves generated by the first sound-generating means into an elongated element coupled to the first part - Claims 3 and 9.

Applicants hereby elect Species 1 upon which claims 1, 4-8 and 10 are readable.

Applicants further traverse the election requirement with regard to Species 1 and 3 in that claim 3 merely further defines the shape of the surface (elongated element) and further defines that instead of the device being placed on the surface, the first part of the device is coupled to the elongated element. Hence, Applicants submit that Species 1 and 3 are in fact the same species.

In view of the above, Applicants request examination on the merits.

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